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Friends of Michigan History, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Michigan Historical Center

Lansing, Michigan

March 14, 2011

Call to Order

President Larry Griffin called the of the Board of Directors (Board) meeting of the Friends of Michigan History, Inc. (Friends) to order at 10:01 A.M.

Board Members Present: Larry Griffin, Keith Harrison, Richard Johnson, Ralph Sims, Bus Spaniola, Morris Thomas and Tom Truscott.

Board Members Absent: Andy Andersen, Adriana Greci Green, John Irwin, Rose Moye, Jennifer Sochor, Charles Seeley, Louise Stilwill, Paul Tarr, and Geneva Wiskemann.

Board Members Excused: Andy Andersen, Adriana Greci Green, John Irwin, Rose Moye, Jennifer Sochor, Charles Seeley, Louise Stilwill, Paul Tarr, and Geneva Wiskemann.

Michigan Historical Museum (Museum): Sandra Clark.

Guest: Jim Ribby, Poet from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

President Griffin announced that Board Members Adriana Greci Green and John Irwin had indicated that they needed to resign from the Board. Also, it was indicated that we had not yet formally accepted the resignation of Charles Seeley.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the resignations of Adriana Greci Green, John Irwin, and Charles Seeley; motion passed.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda with the proviso that some items would be skipped over to allow greater time for the more critical issues on the agenda; motion passed.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the January and February Board meetings; motion passed.

President's Report

It was indicated that the President's Report would be contained under Sesquicentennial/Civil War Committee Report

Treasurer Report

The Treasurer reported the due to the fact that our account has fallen below \$3,000, the Friends would now be charged with several additional fees just to do business with the current bank.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Treasurer to open an account with the MSU Credit Union and to move the Corporation's money to that institution; motion passed.

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Treasurer Report continued

Financial Report for February 2011			
Balance	2-01-11		3,100.02
Deposits		0	+ 0
			3,100.02
Cashed Checks			
1525	Jackson Northwest	150.00	
1528	Historic Fort Wayne	<u>75.00</u>	
		225.00	<u>-225.00</u>
			2,875.02
Bank Charges			
	Check Fee	3.00	
	Maintenance Fee	<u>14.00</u>	
		17.00	<u>- 17.00</u>
			2,858.02
Uncashed Checks			
1507	Matt George	75.00	
1529	Larry Griffin	<u>102.06</u>	
		177.06	<u>-177.06</u>
Available Funds	2-28-11		2,680.96
Benevolent Fund	50.00		

Financial Reports for December 2010 and January 2011			
Balance	12-01-10		3,150.02
Deposits		0	+ 0
			3,150.02
(Voided Check	1506	Shirley Krogel	50.00)
Cashed Checks			
1526	Shirley Krogel	50.00	<u>-50.00</u>
Balance	1-31-11		3,100.02
Uncashed Checks			
1507	Matt George	75.00	
1525	Jackson Northwest	150.00	
1528	Historic Fort Wayne	75.00	
1529	Larry Griffin	<u>102.06</u>	
Total		402.06	<u>-402.06</u>
Available Funds	01-31-11		2,697.96
Benevolent Fund	50.00		

A motion was made and seconded to approve the December, January, and February Financial Reports; motion passed.

Museum Report

Sandra Clark reported that the Michigan Historical Center would kickoff the Civil War Sesquicentennial with a Civil War living history program. In addition to the outside program, the Center's new Civil War exhibit, *From Plowshares to Swords* would be opened. The official opening of the new exhibit will be April 12th, mid-day. There will be billboards around the library/museum area advertizing the April 12th and 16th events. Also, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the WKAR radio station will be issuing press releases and

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having radio spots, respectively. Keith Harrison indicated that both events have been being advertized on two additional sites on the Internet and in the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partner's Sesquicentennial Circulars, which go out via email to just under 2,000 people statewide.

Sandra indicated that the Michigan Historical Center is now officially a part of the DNR and the she is getting excellent support for the Michigan Historical Center from the Department.

Sandra also indicated that individuals who purchase a \$40 Friends' membership will be given a discount to enter the Museum (\$3.00) and individuals who purchase a \$60 and above Friends' membership would be given free admission for two adults. She also reported that she hoped to have the membership issue (computer program for membership renewals and new members) worked out very soon.

Finally, Sandra reported that should the current Friends' membership offer of the *Michigan History Magazine* not work out, the Michigan Historical Center has several publications that the Friends could purchase at a discount and then offer to its new and renewing members. She brought with her several examples of publications for the Board to look at.

Committee Reports

A. *2011 Veterans Day Program Committee*. (Paul Tarr and Larry Griffin – Co chairs): No report.

B. *Membership Committee* (Keith Harrison – Chair). Concern was expressed regarding the lack of member renewals, new member processing and the lack of money coming into the Treasury as a result. Sandra Clark addressed several of these concerns in her Museum report. Keith indicated that the Friends are slated to have a table at the April 16, 2011 Civil War Sesquicentennial indoor program at the Michigan Historical Center. Since he will need to be gone due to an annual Abraham Lincoln Tomb program in Springfield, Illinois, another Board member will need to take on the responsibility of ensuring that the Friends' display is set up and staffed on April 16 from 9 AM to 4 PM. It also will be necessary that the Friends have extra copies of the newsletter for the display table. Information on the upcoming Friends' Sesquicentennial Concert also needs to be secured and placed on the Friends' display table.

C. *Board Nominating Committee* (Tom Truscott- Chair). No report.

D. *Magazine/Military Committee* (Paul Tarr – Chair). No report.

E. *Grants Committee* (Rose Moye - Chair). No report. .

F. *Newsletter Committee* (Paul Tarr - Chair). The Newsletter is at rapid copy currently and will go out this week.

G. *Fund Raising Committee* (Bus Spaniola - Chair). Bus Spaniola indicated that nothing has taken place with the Special Committee (Paul Tarr (chair), Bus Spaniola, and Larry Griffin) that was appointed at the January meeting to come up with a date and to start working on the planning for the proposed Duop Concert/old car program at the Michigan Historical Center. Given this, nothing more can be reported. Concern was expressed by Bus and several members of the Board regarding this lack of follow up.

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H. Bylaws (*Paul Tarr – Chair*). Since the Newsletter did not go out with the notice to the membership announcing the availability of the proposed Bylaws amendments on the website, voting on the Bylaws amendments would need to be held off until the April meeting.

I. Sesquicentennial/Civil War (*Tom Truscott - Chair*). Tom Truscott reported that Truscott and Ross had sent out a mailing with the Friends' Fund Raising Proposal (attached). The Greater Lansing Convention Center and the Greater Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce will be mailing out the proposal. A Mr. John Anderton has indicated the he would help with the proposal distribution and also provide a donation. President Larry Griffin indicated that he has had direct discussions about proposal with has sent out proposals to Auto Owners, Farm Bureau, Consumers Energy, Michigan Education Association, Lake Trust Credit Union, and Michigan State Federal Credit Union. He also reminded the Board of the request that he had Keith Harrison send out asking the Board to look at the list of possible donors and to see if there were others that should be added to the list. To date, he has received responses from only one Board member. Keith indicated that he would resend the email out to the Board.

Tom Truscott reported that he has had discussion with Lansing Downtown Incorporated regarding their incorporation of advertizing of the concert with the advertizing of Be a Tourist in Your Own Town event, which will take place June 4th. Finally, Tom indicated that he has secured a promise from two radio stations to promote this on air. As with the Michigan History Center Sesquicentennial events, Keith reported that the concert also is currently advertized on the two Sesquicentennial Calendars and in the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partner's Sesquicentennial Circulars

Old Business

There was no old business

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Respectively submitted,

Keith G. Harrison

Keith G. Harrison, *Secretary Pro Temp*
Resident Agent
Board of Directors
Friends of Michigan History, Inc.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, April 11, 2010, in Lansing.



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PROPOSAL FOR A SERIES OF CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL FUNDRAISERS

Starting April 12, 2011 this nation will celebrate the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War, April 12, 1861-April 9, 1865. This celebration will go on for almost four years. The Civil War is the most tumultuous period in the history of this great nation. These four years changed this nation forever and in many respects, we are still suffering through many of the results of the war.

As is the case with all wars, there are many tragedies and horrors that we would like to forget. However, one important and everlasting result of the Civil War is the voluminous amount of music that was sung, composed, and dedicated to the women, children, and men who fought in this epic conflict.

The Friends of Michigan History, Inc. will be collaborating with the Lansing Symphony and other musical organizations to present a series of performances that will chronicle the music of both sides of the war (North and South, Union and Confederacy) during the next four years. We feel such a series of performances will be a tremendous educational way to highlight this Sesquicentennial Celebration and to pay homage to those who President Lincoln said "gave their last full measure of devotion" to this country.

In order to put on these musical performances we need to raise funds. This is where you come in; we need to solicit your financial assistance in this effort. The Friends of Michigan History, Inc. for more than twenty years have been sponsoring Michigan-related historical programs for audiences of all ages. Funds raised by our organization are used to promote history at the Michigan Historical Center and its affiliated sites and other historical organizations around the state.

We know the role that history plays in uniting people. A shared history is one of the common denominators that define a cultural or ethnic group. A common history is what makes us Americans. We have to remind some people and let our young people know that a shared history is part of the glue that has held and continues to hold this great nation together. Help us keep history alive!

The Friends of Michigan History, Inc. is a 501[c] 3 charitable organization and all donations are tax deductible. **Donations may be made payable and sent to the Friends of Michigan History, Inc. at P.O. Box 17035, Lansing, Michigan 48901.**

Thank you for this opportunity to present you with this proposal.

FRIENDS OF MICHIGAN HISTORY, INC.
CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL CONCERTS 2011 - 2015

The first of the FREE Friends of Michigan History, Inc. Civil War Sesquicentennial Concerts (*Call to Arms- 1861*) will be held on **Friday, June 3, 2011, 7 PM to 8:30 PM** on the Michigan Capitol Lawn in Lansing, Michigan. The Concert will highlight the Lansing Symphony and the Earl Nelson Singers. This will be the first in a series of 5 concerts, one per year of the Sesquicentennial with each one tied to Civil War events that took place 150 years earlier. Should the weather not cooperate on the 3rd, the Concert will take place instead on Sunday, June 5, 2011, 2 PM to 3:30 PM.

Budget Estimate for 2011 Lansing Symphony Concert
(Based on one performance and two rehearsals)

Item	Projected Costs		
Orchestra Payroll	\$20,000		
Conductor	\$2,500.00		
Capitol Charges	\$500	equipment and staff	
Travel	\$1,500		
Administration	\$1,500		
Instrument Rental/Tuning	\$400		
Cartage	\$200		
Music Rental	\$4,000	estimate is based on "Civil War" Rep	
Sound System	\$1,800		
Staging/Risers	\$4,550		
Marketing	\$5,000		
Canopy	\$765		
Chair Rental	\$660		
Portable Toilets	\$440		
Earl Nelson Singers	\$1,000		
Total	\$44,815		

2011 - 2015 CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL SCHEDULE

2011 - Call to Arms (1861)
2012 - Freedom's March (1862)
"Emancipation"
2013 - Gettysburg (1863)
"The Turning Point"
2014 - Total War (1864)
"The March to the Sea"
2015 - This Cruel War is Over (1865)
"The Grand Review"